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Orientation Program: One of Commander's Three Rs

Newcomers Join Coyote Family

New faces have become more the norm lately in 190th Air Refueling Wing shops and sections with the high number of recruiting accessions over the last number of months.

Questions like, "where's the dining hall," or, "where's the fuel cell," or "how do I get an I.D. card for my wife," are all answered at one time with the unit's new Orientation Program. The program addresses both the new member and his or her family.

The program originated in order to provide information on the unit and family readiness in a timely manner to new members of the unit.

Historically, the information was shared "bits and pieces" at a time, said Maj. Kevin Remy, Military Personnel Flight commander. "And the feedback we gathered from our new troops, was many felt they had to gather all the key information about the unit and its workings by hit and miss over a frustrating period of time. That could be discouraging for a new airman excited about being in the Air National Guard."

The program became just one avenue Commander Colonel Rufus Forrest saw to promote communication to new airmen, thus serving as a retention tool as well.



Chief Master Sgt. Dan Lyman welcomes new 190th members during the unit's new Orientation Program. Photo by Master Sgt. Johnnie Johnson, 190th ARW

Forrest has emphasized his "Three Rs" at the 190th: recruiting, retention, and readiness.

"This new program not only provides important information to the new member and his family, but it also serves to welcome them into our Coyote Family," Forrest explained, "and that's every bit as important as recruit-

ing them into the door."

The information session, family luncheon, and base tour, are all part of the daylong program, which is currently scheduled on Saturday of most UTAs.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Jean Robinson, 785-861-4712.

Winter Carnival Warms 190th Souls

By Technical Sgt. Greg Burnetta

190th Public Affairs

The 190th Air Refueling Wing hosted its first- ever Winter Dance and Carnival, December 1st, 2001.

Organized by Jeanne White, 190th family readiness coordinator, and Captain Karl H. Fruendt, former community manager for the unit, the event served to express gratitude to Guard families for their continued sup-

port of the unit and its members, especially since many 190th members have been activated in recent months as a result of the unprecedented September 11th terrorist attacks on the nation.

Designed to provide a fun environment for the whole family, unit members, spouses and significant others, children and parents, the carnival was held indoors in Hanger 665, from 6-9 p.m.

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Commander's Comments

By Lieutenant Colonel Kerry Taylor
190th Logistics Commander

As we begin our new year the usual custom is to take stock of where we are in our lives and where we want to go. Have you wondered where some of our newest recruits are in their lives and where they want to go?

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For those who are members of the 190th, as you think about why you are here, you may realize the reason you stay may be different from the reason you joined. But yet you stay. I think of that when I see new recruits. Especially the ones that are on delayed enlistments. I see them walking around base in their civilian clothes. I often wonder what their visions of being a guard member were when they talked to their recruiter and enlisted. Is being a member of the unit turning out to be the way they expected?

My guess is that most recruits are looking for reasons to stay, evidence that they made the right decision when they enlisted. We can help provide that. A kind word, a little interest in what they do in "real life", or where they hope to go in the Guard. The importance of any evidence we can provide to these new recruits cannot be overestimated.

Our new recruits are some of our best recruiters. Like the proud owner of a new car, a new recruit is anxious to point out all of the good reasons to join the guard to their friends and family. We can choose to support them and further justify their reasons and even

help them find some benefits that are not so obvious. We can help them to feel good about their decision. They can also be our best recruiters for another reason. They may still have a foot in the world of those yet unacquainted with the Guard and be a wonderful ambassador for the 190th.



Lt. Col. Kerry Taylor
190th Logistics Commander

Family Readiness Training Workshop Set For February

Kansas National Guardsmen and their families are invited to attend the 2002 Family Readiness Training Workshop and Banquet in Salina, Kans., February 1-3, 2002.

"Fighting the war on terror requires much commitment and dedication not only from our Guardsmen, but also from their families," explained Commander Colonel Rufus Forrest, 190th Air Refueling Wing. "This commitment, however, can weigh heavy on military families. The workshop is designed not only to help strengthen family ties but also to strengthen support between Guard families as well."

"We'll also throw in a good amount of fun, to boot," he added.

In order to allow 190th members and their families to attend the Forum, Col. Forrest authorizes any 190th member who wishes to attend, the opportunity to attend in UTA pay status.

Held at the Red Coach Inn in Salina, regis-

tration begins Friday, Feb. 1, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. A light meal of finger foods will be served that evening at the Forum's ice-breaker, featuring a Las Vegas-style casino night. Children are invited.

According to event coordinator and State Family Program Coordinator Chief Warrant Officer Valerie Garcia, registration is also scheduled to continue Saturday morning through the breakfast hour.

A number of speakers on a variety of topics from moral intelligence, to personal safety, to financial planning, to marriage enrichment are on tap for the event. Child care will be provided throughout the conference and at Saturday evening's banquet and dance.

Registration deadline for the event is January 25, 2002. Registration forms are available from Jeanne White, Family Readiness Coordinator at 785-861-494 or from Maj. Rick Jellison, 190th Community Manager at 785-861-4593.

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John Benson Kansas Patriot



John Benson, owner, Pauline Food Center said he values his 190th customers who make up nearly 20 percent of his business. (Photo by Master Sgt. Shawn Gamber, 190th Multimedia Support Center)

Pauline Food Center has stood outside Forbes Field and the 190th Air Refueling Wing for 30 years, said store owner John Benson, "just supporting the unit however we could."

John is the second generation of Benson's to own and operate the Food Center. His father purchased the store in 1972, only a year before Forbes Air Force Base left the airfield vacant.

"I was ten years old working at the store back then," Benson recalled. "Dad thought (the closure) would really hurt the business. But it turned out pretty well, really. When the commissary closed, we were the only grocery store left in the area."

Benson applauds the 190th members and their mission, adding "we try to jump in and help whenever we can."

He explained how he doesn't hesitate donating to the unit's various cook-outs for charity and the like.

"I remember my dad did a lot for the unit during Desert Storm, and I'll likely jump in there where I'm needed, too," Benson said.

After spending 10 years in the U.S. Air Force, John returned home to purchase the grocery store from his father in 1996.

"Dealing with the people is definitely the best part of the job," John explained.

The 190th is by far his largest customer base comprising nearly 20 percent of his business.

"The 190th members treat me so well by being such great customers."

The Pauline Food Center is a full-service grocery with fresh produce and a meat counter. The store fills that niche between the super market and convenience store, Benson explained.

"We offer good variety and fast service. You can walk in and pick up what you need for dinner, meat or produce, and you're out the door," Benson said. "I think that's what our customers like about us."

John and his wife Stacey live in Topeka with their two young sons, Reed and Sam.

Coyotes Help Deliver \$500K Books



(Above) L-R Master Sgt. Ralph Lilley, Master Sgt. Dan Mangairacino, Staff Sgt. Chad Bellquist, Master Sgt. Steve Billbe and Master Sgt. Steve Manker join Kansas Department of Education officials Joan Peterson, Ron Folk, and Steve Adams during a book donation delivery on December 12, 2001 at Forbes Field. Not pictured is Tech. Sgt. Andrew Nelson. (Right) Master Sgt. Ralph Lilley carefully unloads a pallet of school text books as Joan Peterson helps him guide the load into place. Photo by Master Sgt. Shawn Gamber, 190th ARW Multimedia Support Center.

A donation of school text books, valued at one-half million dollars, arrived in Topeka on Wednesday, December 12, 2002. The books were donated to the Kansas Department of Education from the Kansas City, KS firm of Mid Point Book Distributors. Once in Topeka, six members of the 190th Air Refueling Wing operated fork lifts to unload the two semitrailers of books at a Metropolitan Topeka Airport Authority warehouse. The text books, which are for all grades, will be distributed to the 304 Kansas unified school districts through the Kansas Department of Education's School Improvement and Accreditation program.



Carnival Fun

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At 8 p.m., an informal count, based on door prize tickets provided to adults, tallied nearly seven hundred attendees, ranging from unmarried, single unit members, to married members with children.

The numerous activities, designed for all ages, along with refreshments were provided free of charge.

Many of the activities such as sumo wrestling, bungee run, Velcro fly wall, moon walk, STARBASE planetarium, and two-story, inflatable slide were designed for children, but just as many adults could be found joining in the sumo-wrestling fun, as did the teenage crowd.

Plenty of goodies including, cookies, popcorn, cotton candy, soft drinks, and bottled water were on hand to curb most appetites.

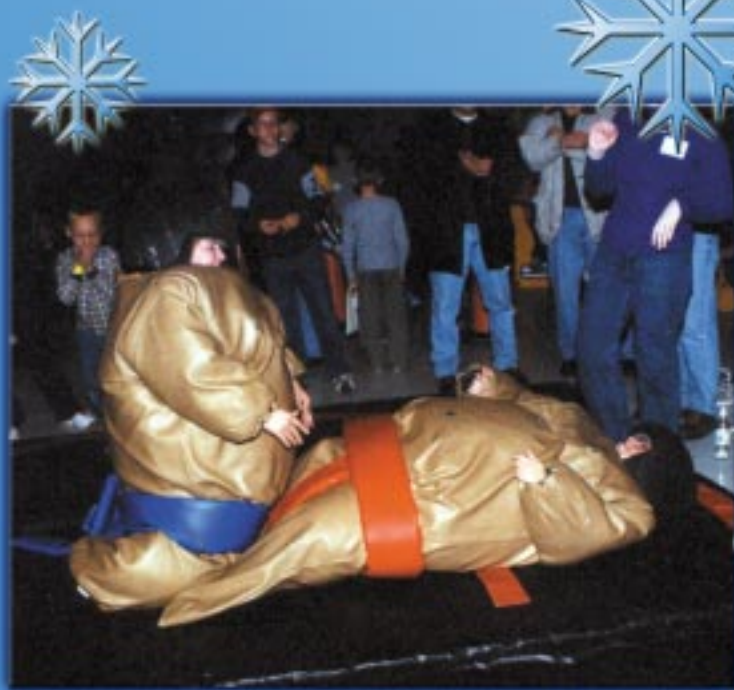
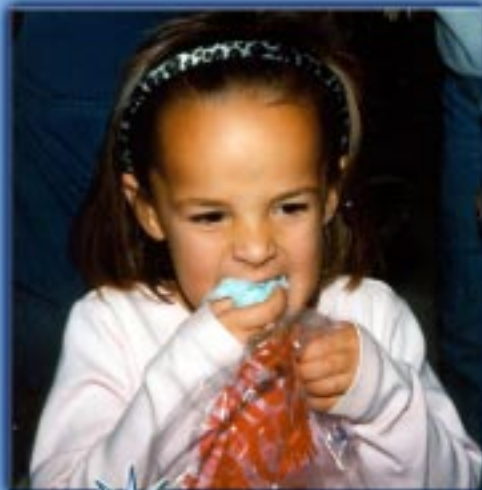
Senior Airman Jason Schulz brought his wife and their two youngsters, age twenty-three months, and four-years old, with him. Schulz said he didn't really have any expectations (about the event) when he came, but anything that could keep his two kids occupied "like this, is great for us... We're having fun."

Major Seymour Mitchell was in attendance with his wife, Marian, and their three children: five-, seven-, and nine-years old.

"This is very nice. My family, and I, are enjoying this very much," he said of the event.

Santa Claus, Wiley Coyote, Haywire Scarecrow, Fumbles the Clown, Happy Healthy Harry Health dog and crime dog McGruff were also on hand to add to the fun.

Santa arrived with a, "Ho, Ho, Ho; Merry Christmas," and posed for pictures with youngsters of all ages - including some grown up ones, too.



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Name: Staff Sgt. Shawn P. Willard

Organization: 190th ARW/ SCM Mission Systems

Job Title: Information Technology Specialist (full-time, Forbes Field)

Education: Military Technical Schools, Sprint Communications

Military Experience: 11 years

Goals and Ambitions: Progress with military career, end goal - Chief of Maintenance

Hobbies and Activities: Hunting, fishing, horses, part-time carpentry/construction

Most Memorable 190th

Moments: Attending a communications conference in Kansas City two years ago.



Coyotes Team Up with DOD Marrow Donor Program, Registration Set for February UTA

KENSINGTON, MD – During any given day, more than 3,800 children, youth and adults from around the world - all victims of blood diseases, cancer and other life-threatening illnesses – turn to the National Marrow Donor Program's over 4 million registered volunteer donors in search of a life saving marrow match. Sadly, some will never find that miracle match.

The C.W. Bill Young / DoD Marrow Donor Program, along with the 190th Air Refueling Wing of the Kansas Air National Guard, is working hard to improve the odds of those waiting to find a marrow donor. They hope to register hundreds of potential life-saving donors during their marrow donor registration drive. The drive is scheduled for the 2nd of February 2002, and will be held from 0900 until 1500 in Building 2000.

Bone marrow donations are needed for life-saving treatment for over 70 blood related diseases such as Leukemia, Aplastic Anemia and Hodgkin's Lymphoma. 75% of the most closely matched donations come from volunteer donors outside the patient's immediate family. Fatal blood diseases afflict people of all ethnic backgrounds, and people of the same or similar ethnic background are the most likely match.

It takes only a few minutes to join the marrow registry. Volunteers fill out a consent form and donate a small test tube of blood that is sent to the DoD testing laboratory in Kensington, Maryland for Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA) typing. Bone marrow is not taken at the drive – a common misconception. The drive is open to active duty personnel and their immediate family members, DoD civilian

personnel and drilling Guard or Reservists who are between the ages of 18 and 60 and in good health.

If a potential donor is matched with a patient needing bone marrow, the donor is given more blood tests and flown to Washington, D.C. for a physical examination. The donor returns home the next day and awaits a medical review by the transplant center's doctors and the physicians of the DoD Marrow Donor Program. If all is well, the prospective military donor is flown once again to Washington, D.C. and admitted to Georgetown University Medical Center for the surgical procedure.

Under general anesthesia or an epidural, the marrow is drawn from the back of the hip, along the top of the pelvic bone (iliac crest) with a needle and syringe. There may be some soreness in the lower back for a few days following the procedure, but within a couple of weeks, depending on the individual donor, the donor is back to a regular routine.

Over the next few months federal law prohibits contact between the donor and the recipient. However, the donor will receive periodic updates on the condition of the recipient and, if both parties agree, after one year they can have direct contact. There is no easier way to save a life.

If you would like to register, or wish to volunteer to help with the drive, please contact Senior Airman Joann Sharp @ (785) 861-4522.

For more information on the C.W. Bill Young / DoD Marrow Donor Program, call 1-800-MARROW-3 or visit our web site @ WWW.DODMARROW.COM.





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Joel F. Pascua, LGS



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Alexander S. Wiley, LSF
Stephen M. Wodtke, LGS



Master Sgt.

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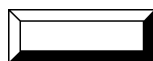
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Coyote Cam on the Web

Want to see if the Dining Hall is crowded today before you head over? Then check out the CoyoteCam here:

<http://132.13.144.90/view/view.shtml>

Save this address as one of your favorites and you'll have access to the CoyoteCam wherever its placed.



January Retirements

A retirement ceremony is scheduled Saturday, January 12 for Lt. Col. Rich Davis at 3 p.m at the Coyote Cafe.

Another retirement ceremony is scheduled for Chief Master Sgt. Mark Criger on Sunday, January 13, 2002, in the Coyote Cafe at 3:00 p.m.

Student Loan Repayment Program Recipients

All unit members who are entitled to participate in the "Student Loan Repayment Program" must register with the Retention Office Manager 30-60 days prior to their anniversary date to be eligible to receive benefits in a timely manner annually.

If you are eligible for repayment benefits, please see MSgt. Jean Robinson in the Military Personnel Flight, or call 785-861-4172 for more information.

Menu

Sat., Jan. 12, 2002

Chicken Cordon Bleu
Glazed Baby Carrots
Potatoes Au Gratin
Sliced Bread
Brownies
Chicken Noodle soup
Salad Bar
Assorted Drinks
soft-serve ice cream

Sun., Jan. 13, 2002

Lasagna
Seasoned Corn
Vegetable soup
Pineapple upside down cake
Salad Bar
Assorted Drinks
soft-serve ice cream

January UTA Motel
Capitol Plaza Hotel

2004 Pilot Vacancy Selection

The 190th Air Refueling Wing will have a Pilot Selection Board, Feb 2002, for fiscal year 2004. This is a part-time position, AFSC's 11T1B. Prefer date of birth to be after 31 Mar 75. If you are interested, submit your package to 190 MSF/DPMA, MSgt Janet Smith. The deadline for submitting packages is **13 Jan 02**. If you have any questions, please call me at (785) 861-4135 or 1-800-551-5276, ext 4135 or email janet.smith@kstope.ang.af.mil.

Pilot package consists of:

Resume

College Transcript (must have a 4 year degree by Dec 2002)

3 Letters of Character Reference

*AFOQT Scores

**BAT Scores

Record Review Rip (if currently in the military)

DD 214 or NGB 22 (if prior service)

Private Pilot's License (if applicable)

*Prior to appointment processing the selectee must take and qualify on the Armed Forces Officer Qualifying Test (AFOQT).

**The pilot selectee must take and qualify on the Basic Attribute Test (BAT). (Must have or obtain a top secret security clearance and meet all medical criteria.)

If you have a pilot package currently on file at 190 MSF/DPMA, please ensure it is accurate and up to date.

Coyote Comments...

What was your New Years Resolution for 2002?



Airman First Class Chris Reese, 190th Medical Flight

Although Reese said she had a number of resolutions for the new year, the top on her priority list is, "to do more for others."



Captain Brian Riniker, 190th Social Actions Office

In his usual humorous response, Riniker resolved, "to be as good a person as my dog thinks I am."



Airman Basic Bob Jurgensmeier, 190th Services Flight

Jurgensmeier began a weight-loss and aerobic health routine in 2001. He resolves, "to continue to drop weight, by working out."



Airman First Class Amanda Slocum, 190th Medical Flight

Family was the first thing that came to Slocum's thoughts as she vowed, "to spend more time with my children."

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